sanction by the Diwan under Rule 62 of the Cochin Standing Orders to accept valedictory addresses during the last 10 years?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

A list furnishing the information available is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The Appointment of a Special Officer to protect the Depressed Classes.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

124. Will the Government be pleased to appoint a Special Officer in Cochin, as is done by the Madras and Travancore Governments, to protect the interests of the so-called depressed classes and work for their improvement?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government will be glad to have the subject examined in the form of a resolution and to be given an opportunity to ascertain the sense of the Council.

The Work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

125. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a consolidated report of the work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee for the last 3 years?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is referred to the answer to the question No. 12.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

The same thing, the same grievance.

The Secretary to the Legislative Council as a Member of the Council.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

126. Is it the practice in any Legislative Council in the Sister States in British India to appoint the Secretary as a member of the Council? If so, in which legislature?

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Government have not thought it necessary to enquire into that matter.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

When our Government follows the rules and procedure of British India and all the other Native States in almost all the ther respects, how is it that in one respect there is a deviation?

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